

## CHILD LABOR IN DISTRICT TO END

Bill Has Already Passed House, and Will Certainly Get Through Senate.

### THE RICHMOND POSTOFFICE

Appropriation Has Not Yet Been Put in Bill—Fight for Jamestown.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—The complete abolition of child labor in the District of Columbia is in a fair way to be accomplished at this session of Congress. The bill with this object in view has passed the House and has been favorably reported to the Senate. Its passage through that body and approval by the President are assured.

The object of the law is to prohibit the employment of children under fourteen years of age in factories, workshops, mercantile establishments, business offices, telegraph offices, restaurants, hotels, apartment houses, theatres, bowling alleys, messenger service, or in the sale of newspapers. The prohibition of the employment of children under sixteen years of age in those occupations which undermine their strength or expose them to great temptations and moral dangers, at such times as interfere with attendance at school, and they can be employed only on written consent of parents or guardian.

The Senate Committee on Education and Labor modified the bill so as to take out the prohibition as affecting pages in the Senate and House of Representatives.

### Problem of Public Morality.

The records of the probation office of the District of Columbia show that within the last three months, 300 children, under sixteen years of age, who had been employed in various occupations in this city, have passed under the jurisdiction of those appointed to take care of child criminals. This one fact appears to have had great weight with the committee of both the House and Senate in their decision to report their bill favorably.

Seven hundred children in the District of Columbia, under sixteen years of age, work in the day time and attend school at night.

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"More important, however, than the labor question and the school question involved in the employment of children for wages is the question of the moral ruin of hundreds and thousands of boys and girls who, under proper surroundings, might grow up into useful members of society. What effect upon the children themselves does this untimely bearing of the burdens of life have?"

### Public Buildings.

Representatives who are expecting to have times in the public buildings bill to be reported to the House in a week or two were somewhat startled to-day by the report that the committee, which has practically agreed on a bill, had recently made some changes. The committee is proceeding in executive sessions to perfect the bill, and outsiders are not supposed to know its character until it is reported to the House. But as a matter of fact, members who are expecting

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to get appropriations for government buildings in their districts generally know whether the committee has agreed to make provision for them or otherwise.

The Virginia members believe that the public buildings they are seeking are pretty generally looked after. But the appropriation for the \$300,000 postoffice for Richmond has not yet been put in the bill. The committee is not "taking care" of any proposition looking to the expenditure of over half a million. An exception may be made in the case of Richmond, and, again, it may not. Possibly, were the appropriation cut to \$500,000, the committee might provide for the new building. The chances are now that the Senate committee will put the appropriation in the bill, or that Senator Martin will at least attempt to have this done.

### Jamestown Exposition.

It begins to appear as though the Senate will have to be depended on to take care of the appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition. Speaker Cannon is obdurate in the matter of refusal to allow the bill to be considered by the House. He has been opposed to any appropriation being made to the exposition from the first, and the very small amount appropriated last year was set apart in the face of the opposition of the Speaker.

Senator Daniel is very hopeful of having the bill passed on favorably by the Expositions Committee of the Senate. He is a member of that committee, and a majority of his committee colleagues are understood to be favorable to the appropriation. It is probable that should the committee act favorably on the bill, it will then be incorporated in the sundry civil bill when it comes from the House.

The fight will then be transferred to the Committee on Conference of the two houses. The outcome would probably be favorable to the bill. Mr. Tucker, president of the exposition company, is as confident as ever that the appropriation will be made, but he is desirous of having final action taken as soon as possible, as the exposition company wants to push the work of preparing for the great show.

### Much Work Yet to Be Done.

Representative Hay believes Congress is making preparations to get away from Washington at an early day. By "Congress," he means the Republican leaders of the House. Dates for voting on various measures are being fixed, and other evidence of preparation for adjournment are visible. If there is adjournment within two months much work Congress was expected to do at this session will be neglected. The rate discussion in the Senate is not yet ended by a great deal, and when that is out of the way, the appropriation bills will have to be passed.

Finally, the Congress has not yet touched the subject of the Panama Canal, with regard to the type of canal that is to be dug. And work on the Isthmus is said to be at a standstill owing to the fact that the type of canal has not been decided upon.

Representative Flood, of Virginia, has accepted an invitation to be the orator at the commencement of the State Female Normal School at Farmville, in June.

Representatives Jones and Southall were not at the Capitol to-day, each being in home looking after political fences, as each has opposition for renomination. Captain Lamb went home Saturday, but got back this afternoon.

### GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Shaw Says \$750,000 Will Be Necessary to Replace Them.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 7.—Secretary Shaw to-day submitted estimates to the House of amounts necessary to be appropriated to repair government buildings in California wrecked by the earthquake.

To make the appropriation ample to cover damage not as yet ascertained, the Secretary recommends that \$750,000 be appropriated. The estimate is accompanied by photographs of the buildings, taken after the damage.

### Washington Affairs.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Postmaster appointed: Virginia—De Haven, Frederick county, Alvin W. Shade, vice J. W. De Haven, resigned; Crub, Essex county, Guy H. Barrett, vice F. C. Barrett, resigned; Monrovia, Carroll county, Lord D. D. Frost, vice A. D. Robinson, resigned.

North Carolina—Pomeroy's Creek, Swain county, Samuel S. Collins, vice I. B. Welch, resigned.

Rural routes 2 and 3 ordered established June 15th at Hickory, Norfolk county, Va., serving 1,000 people and 20 houses.

Rural carriers appointed for North Carolina routes—Elkville, route 1, George W. Bradley, carrier; William S. Benson, substitute; Fullert, route 1, James M. Varner, carrier; Albert W. Young, substitute.

### Nominations.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—The President to-day sent the following nominations to the Senate:

Postmasters: North Carolina—P. J. O'Brien, Durham; J. P. Jessup, Hertford; J. C. Walker, Lexington.

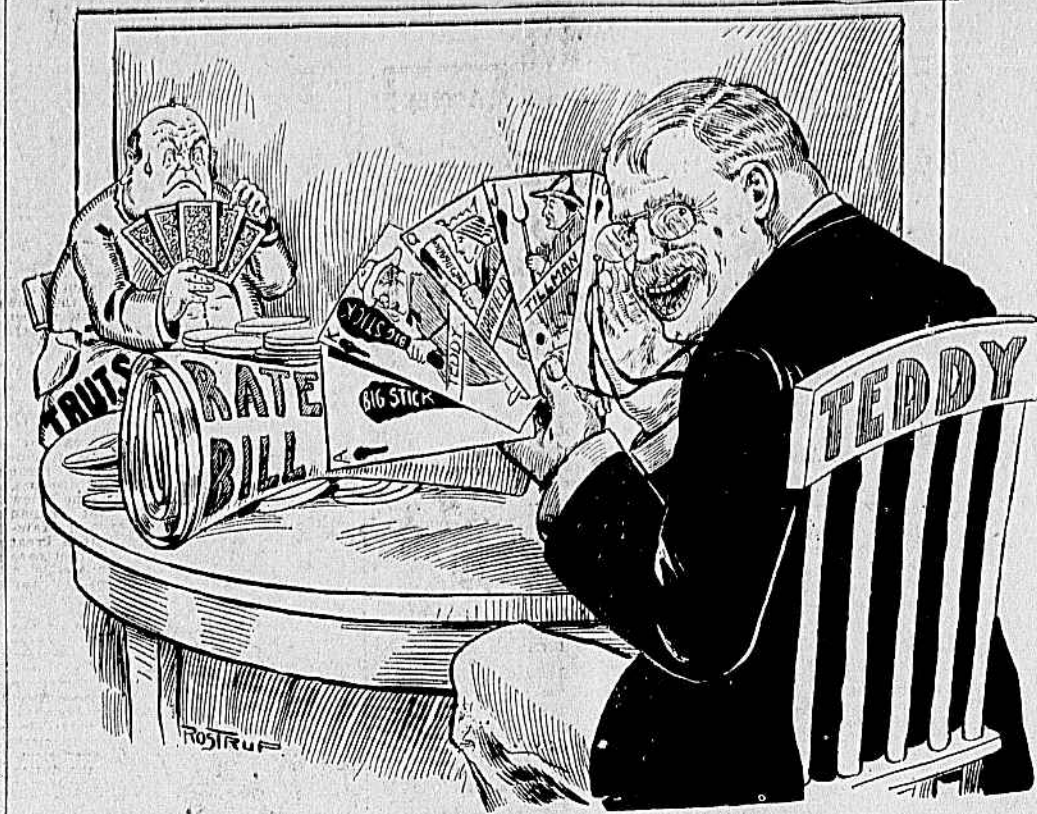
The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nominations:

Postmasters: Florida—D. M. Kirby, Palatka.

Tennessee—W. A. Pamplin, Fayetteville; F. E. Britton, Jonesboro; Gale Armstrong, Rogersville.

### Florida Office Abolished.

(By Associated Press.)  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 7.—H. Clay Crawford, Secretary of State, to-day received from President Roosevelt official notification that the office of surveyor-general of Florida is abolished, directing him to take charge of the official records, the order to become effective June 13th. The news came as a surprise to Surveyor-General Weeks, who had no intimation that the office would be abolished. The President recently appointed Charles H. Parlin to succeed Weeks.



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## ALL ASSEMBLE TO HONOR "UNCLE JOE"



SPEAKER CANNON.

### Seventieth Birthday of Speaker Celebrated With Brilliant Reception—President and All High Officials in Washington Present.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—Speaker Cannon was the guest at a reception given him to-night at the Arlington Hotel by his colleagues in the House of Representatives in honor of his seventieth birthday.

It was a notable occasion, made so by the presence of President Roosevelt and almost every official of note in Washington, and others from outside cities, who called to extend their congratulations. All the members of the Cabinet now in Washington, the members of the Supreme Court, with a large contingent of both houses, besides heads of various bureaus of the executive departments and prominent residents found time during the evening to come in and shake the Speaker's hand and to wish him many happy returns of the day. President Roosevelt arrived about 10 o'clock, and for an hour or more chatted with the Speaker and mixed freely with the large crowd. Vice-President Fairbanks was among the early arrivals.

The parlors where the reception was given were handsomely decorated. The speaker stood before a perfect bower of potted plants and cut flowers, the middle of which was hung with an immense gold wreath, tied with a ribbon made of the national colors, on which was inscribed: "From the Speaker's friends." "The noblest Roman of them all." Away in the distance was a miniature illuminated Capitol, with tiny American flags flying over either end, indicating that the respective branches of Congress were in session.

As Speaker Cannon knew every one

who called to congratulate him, introductions were unnecessary. He gave a cordial welcome to all his friends and heartily responded to the good wishes. The reception lasted from 9 to 12 o'clock and was attended by probably twelve hundred persons. There were no ladies present.

Speaker Cannon received many congratulatory telegrams to-day. Some were witty, some foolish and some serious, but all breathed the spirit of congratulation and good will.

### Greeted By House.

The House, at its session to-day, knew that this was the speaker's birthday. For when "Uncle Joe" appeared in the doorway nearest the speaker's desk, and when he ascended to the rostrum, long, continued applause followed his steps. With grave in hand, the speaker waited, and when both hands of the clock stood at twelve, the gavel came down.

The House, after its splendid demonstration to Mr. Cannon, settled down to the business of the day. On the part of the Democrats, the day was notable for the number of bills passed—forty-five in number—covering a wide range of subjects. Many of the bills passed could have been passed by unanimous consent, but with Mr. Williams' determination to object to any legislation by unanimous consent, these bills came up under suspension of the rules, this being known as "suspension day."

### Found Out

Trained Nurse vs. Coffee

No one is in better position to know the value of food and drink than a trained nurse.

Speaking of coffee, a nurse of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., writes: "I am a coffee addict, and I suffered greatly from headaches and indigestion. While on a visit to my brother's I had a good chance to try Postum Food Coffee, for they drank it altogether in place of ordinary coffee. In two weeks, after using Postum, I found I was much benefited, and finally my headaches disappeared, and also the indigestion."

"Naturally I have since used Postum, serving my patients, and have noticed a marked benefit where coffee has been left off and Postum used."

"I observe a curious fact about Postum used among mothers. It greatly helps the flow of milk in cases where coffee is inclined to dry it up, and where tea causes nervousness."

"I find trouble in getting servants to make Postum properly. They must always serve it before it has been boiled long enough. It should be boiled 15 or 20 minutes, and served with cream, when it is certainly a delicious beverage."

"There's a reason" for Postum.

### REVIEW BY COURTS WILL BE LIMITED

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argument against the coupling of the two propositions.

Would Kill Bill.

Mr. Tillman deprecated the introduction of the measure into the rate subject. At the same time he had no objection to the enforcement of the law.

"Most of the cars are owned in the North," he concluded, "and I don't want any discrimination against Southern negroes by Northern capital."

Mr. Bailey accepted the amendment as a recognition of the State laws on separate car system and therefore welcomed it.

Mr. Money took the opposite position, contending that under the proposed amendment, unless it was made mandatory, the State laws would be subordinated to it.

Mr. Mcumber supported the anti-discrimination provision, saying that he had been informed that in some cases in the South, negroes are supplied with inferior cars, sometimes none too good for stock. Mr. Clay denied that this was true in Georgia.

Mr. Money and Mr. Bacon sought to have the provision so amended as to recognize the State laws. Mr. Money said that the Southern people were prejudiced against the negroes, and were willing that such should be understood to be the fact.

"There are many who are willing to

## BUGGLARS RIFLE LEITER OFFICES

Vault Doors Forced Open With Chisels and Securities Worth \$12,000 Taken.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, May 7.—The office of Joseph Letter and of the estate of the late Levi Z. Letter, father of Joseph Letter, was robbed last night of bonds and securities valued at \$12,000. The burglars entered the office by breaking in the door with a sledge hammer, using rubber mats to muffle the force of their blows.

The offices of Robert E. and Frank Crowe, attorneys adjoining that of Letter estate, were also entered in the same manner, and securities valued at about \$5,000 taken, and in both cases, the vault doors were opened with chisels. All of the securities taken were negotiable.

## HENRICO CITIZENS BANDED TOGETHER

Organization Formed for Purpose of Fighting Purchase of Fulton Park by Negroes.

The residents of the entire eastern section of the city, which is known as Highland Springs and Fulton Park, are up in arms over the sale of the park property last Friday to negroes. Indignation has risen to blood heat, and expressions of war to the end are heard all down the line.

The information of the Henrico County Improvement Association yesterday afternoon was the direct outcome of the recent transfer of the property. Representative citizens of the affected locality gathered in large numbers in the office of Attorney W. M. Justis, Jr., yesterday and took the matter into consideration. The sale was viewed from all sides, and the opinion was unanimous that the case would have to be fought out in the courts.

As the affair now stands, the residents will be able to fight as an organized body, and, moreover, their battle will be in a court where the whole country will be watching, and it is but true to assert that much hinges on the outcome of the legal fight. The officers of the association, as elected yesterday, are Dr. G. T. Collins, president; Mr. William Harper Dean, vice-president; Mr. C. W. Bowen, secretary, and Captain W. A. Parsons, treasurer. Mr. Justis has been retained for counsel, and he is prepared to put up a strenuous fight in behalf of his clients.

A mass meeting, to be held in the Odd-Fellows' Hall at Highland Springs later in the week, has already been provided for, though the exact date has not yet been set. The people are on the warpath in earnest, and they intend to make things hum for purchaser and seller in the transaction, which struck a shoddy pole at less than arm's length into the unsuspecting negro's nest.

### Lindsay Charged With Felony.

W. T. Lindsay, a white man, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant sworn out by T. J. McCormick, charging him with felony assault, with intent to kill. Lindsay was locked up in the Second Station, and will be up before Justice Crutcherfield this morning. Officer Sheppard made the arrest.

## COAL FIGHT ENDS FOR THREE YEARS

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thracite Coal Strike Commission for a term of years.

The reduction in price would be placed in effect this morning except for the fact that it was deemed advisable to withhold the circulars until the action of the joint meeting is considered by the miners' convention, in session at Scranton. A meeting for this purpose has been called by President Mitchell for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. It is generally understood that the coal companies will not wait until the agreement has been officially signed, for it is the desire of the operators to dispose of the large storage stock as quickly as possible.

## COAL TIE-UP COST MINERS \$8,120,000

Idleness Since April 1 in the Fields Made Vast Difference to the Army of Toilers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SCRANTON, PA., May 7.—Estimated conservatively, what the suspension have cost the anthracite mine workers since April 1 is placed at \$8,120,000. This is averaging the pay of 160,000 workers at \$5.15 each for every working day during the suspension.

There are idle days during the month at most mines, but an experienced operator said this evening that, taking one class with the other, and considering ordinary working conditions, it would be a fair estimate to average the wages at \$1.75 a day. He added: "Some of our best miners earn as high as \$125 a month or more; but they are the exception, and the number of boys receiving small pay is not very large at present, so that it is entirely safe to figure on the basis I have named."

If, as is sometimes claimed, there are 170,000 mine workers in the hard coal fields, the wage lost to them and those dusty they have been thrown out of work on railroads and other related activities will not fall far short of \$10,000,000.

### Much Satisfaction.

(By Associated Press.)  
WILKESBARRE, PA., May 7.—The news that an agreement had been reached by the operators and the miners' committee was received here with the utmost satisfaction. Large groups of miners scanned the bulletins this afternoon and evening, and all gave expression of pleasure that the dispute had been settled amicably through the influence of their leader, John Mitchell, in whom they expressed themselves as having the fullest confidence.

### New "Willing Workers."

The "Willing Workers' Club at their meeting yesterday elected the following new members:

James R. Baker, Annie Kramer, Rebecca Shumaker, Annie Leven.

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## AXLE OF HER CARRIAGE MRS. FRY IMPALED ON

Body Was Terribly Mutilated By the Broken Vehicle.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HARRISONBURG, VA., May 7.—Mrs. Frank Fry, of near Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah county, met death in a horrible manner Sunday morning near her home. She was in a buggy alone with her four-year-old son, when the axle broke, and she was thrown out. Mrs. Fry was impaled on the axle and partly disemboweled.

The accident occurred about the middle of the forenoon, while Mrs. Fry was on her way to the home of her father-in-law.

The child was thrown out and escaped unhurt, while the mother was dragged a distance of fifty feet by the vehicle. The broken end of the axle penetrated her abdomen, and her body was terribly mutilated. A little daughter of the injured woman, who had been left at home, only a short distance from the scene of the accident, was attracted by her mother's cries for help, and discovered her frightful condition. The little girl summoned assistance, and the injured woman was carried to her home, although she was able to walk a part of the way with assistance.

Physicians were unable to save her life. Despite her sufferings, she remained conscious throughout the day, and was rational till the time of her death, which occurred at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Mrs. Fry was about forty years of age, and leaves her husband and five children. She was a native of Pennsylvania.

### Serious Charge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, VA., May 7.—J. G. Callahan, eighteen-year-old son of George Callahan, was arrested Saturday under a warrant charging him with betraying Miss Grace Floyd, under promise of marriage. The parties all live a few miles in the country, and belong to respectable families. Floyd is about eighteen years old, and is an orphan. Callahan was jailed.



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